

## House Resolution 815

By: Representatives Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Royal of the 171<sup>st</sup>, McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Honorable Henry Lee Reaves and expressing regret at his passing;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Honorable Henry Lee Reaves of Quitman, former  
4 long-time chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and  
5 known affectionately as "Mr. Agriculture," is received with deep regret by this body; and

6 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 87 years rendered his name dear  
7 to the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow citizens alike; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a long-time state representative who came to the General Assembly of  
9 Georgia in 1963 and retired in 2000. He served 38 years with seven governors, beginning  
10 with Governor Carl Sanders. He was a champion of agriculture research and development  
11 and worked tirelessly for extension service and research in the University System of Georgia;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer  
14 Affairs for 28 years, having previously chaired the House Committee on Natural Resources  
15 and Environment with water as his main focus; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry was initiated and heavily  
17 influenced by his vision, and the main arena is named in his honor. He was inducted into the  
18 University of Georgia Agriculture Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 1998. Friends  
19 endowed a scholarship in his honor as a way to extend appreciation to him for his  
20 long-standing commitment to Georgia's youth and Georgia agriculture and perpetuate his  
21 love and support of Georgia's youth. He retired from Norfolk-Southern Railways public  
22 affairs department, where he specialized in agriculture issues; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a combat veteran of World War II, when he honorably served his  
2 country as a pilot in the European theater; and

3 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his death we  
4 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family, friends, and fellow citizens.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body honor the memory of Honorable Henry Lee Reaves and express  
7 their regret at his passing.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Honorable  
10 Henry Lee Reaves.